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[Despatch Abstract.]

Copy of letter No.1255-E4/48, dated 7.12.48, from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

Sub: Educational facilities for fishing and sea faring communities.

With reference to Government Memo.No.36149/48-2-Cl Edn., dated 12.5.48, I have the honour to state as follows:-

With regard to the question of opening of residential and non-residential schools to be specially intended for the fishing and sea faring communities in areas where they constitute a predominant section of the population, I suggest that the Department of Fisheries may be requested to examine this matter and submit proposals to Government. In this connection, I may point out that the Fisheries Department is now running a High School at Madapalli intended for pupils belonging to the above communities. Further, for raising the status of the Fisheries Higher Elementary School at Kaipamangalam to that of a High School, the District Educational Officer, South Malabar, is reported to have already taken up the matter with the Fisheries Department.

2. Under Rule 92 of the M.E.R., these communities are now eligible for half-fee concessions. In my opinion, they may be granted full fee concessions. In case they are granted full fee concession, the extra cost involved on this account will come to roughly Rs.35,000/- annually. In calculating this extra cost, girls belonging to these communities have been excluded from consideration.

3. According to the reports of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, these communities go by the following names in their respective divisions.

(i) Coimbatore Division:- In the coastal areas, they pass by the name of "Mukkuvas," "Mongayanas", "Kavi", "Bestha", "Aryans" and "Mongaveera"

Salem and Coimbatore Districts:- "Sembadavan" and "Sivian" (now known as "Parvatharajakulam")

North Arcot District:- "Nattars".

(ii) Anantapur Division:- They are generally known as "Besthas".

Cuddapah District:- "Muthracha".

Nellore District:- "Pattapu" or "Pattapuvondlu", "Pallavondlu" or "Pallevondlu"; "Brestha"; "Agnikule Kshtriya"; "Setti Baliga"; "Yenadis" and "Pattapuchetties".

(iii) Madura Division:-

Chingleput District:- "Sembadavan".

Ramnad District:- "Paravan"; "Sembadavan"; "Kadayar" and "Padayachi"

South Arcot District:- "Nattar"; "Pattanavar Chetty".

Tinnevelly East:- "Paravan".

Tinnevelly West:- "Ezuvan" and "Mukkuvan".

(iv) Godavari Division:-

East Godavari District:- "Agnikula Kshatriya" and "Vada Balija".

Several of these names are already included in Appendix 17A to the M.E.R. and it does not appear necessary to add to the list of the names which are not now included. In my opinion, it will be sufficient if a general ruling is given to the effect that for purposes of grant of full fee concession under Rule 92 of the M.E.R the certificate of income produced should show that the pupil belongs to the fishing and sea-faring community.

4. As regards the institution of a scheme of special scholarships, I may mention here that the Labour Department awards special scholarships residential and non-residential, to pupils eligible for help by that Department studying in Elementary and Secondary Schools and in College Classes. The Commissioner of Labour also grants exemption to deserving pupils from payment of Examination fees in respect of all Government and University Examinations. Non-recurring grants for books and clothes are also granted by that Department. Like the Labour Department, the Fisheries Department may also consider the question of providing similar facilities for pupils belonging to the fishing and sea faring communities.

5. I also consider it desirable that Committees, consisting of both Officials and non-officials, are constituted in relevant places, who may be charged with the task of furthering the educational interests of these communities, but who would work in a solely advisory capacity.

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. For Director of Public Instruction.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
R.C.No.1255 E.4/48, dated 20th May 1948.

Subject: Madras Educational Rules - Rule 92 - Grant of fee concessions of fishing and sea-faring communities.
READ : Government Memorandum No.26149/48-2C.1-Education dated 12th May 1948.

A copy of the Government Memorandum read above is herewith enclosed.

2. The undermentioned officers are requested to furnish the particulars required for answering the above Government Memorandum immediately:

3. The matter should be treated as SPECIALLY URGENT and a reply should be submitted without fail before the end of this month i.e. 31st May 1948.

M. ABDUL HAQ,
for Director of Public Instruction.

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To
All the Divisional Inspectors of Schools.
All the Inspectresses of Girls' Schools.

Copy of Government Memorandum No.26149/48-C1-Edn., dated 12.5.48

Sub: Educational concessions and facilities for fishing and sea-faring communities.
REF: From the Government of India. Ministry of Education. No.D.759/48 E.II, dated 5.4.1948.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for urgent remarks.

He is requested to indicate the facilities now offered by the Education Department for the advancement of the fishing and sea-faring communities and to suggest, with reference to the proposals of the Government of India, what further facilities and concessions may be provided for them.

2. It has been suggested that these communities may be granted full fee concessions, instead of the present half-fee concessions, as one of the ways of furthering their education and recruitment to the Navy. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to examine this suggestion and submit necessary proposals with an estimate of cost.

3. The Director of Public Instruction is also requested to state whether, apart from the "Bestha" and "Padaiyachi" communities appearing in Section II of Appendix 17-A to Rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules, there are many fishing and sea-faring communities in this Province known by other names and if so, they may be included in the Appendix.

4. As the Government of India have called for a very early reply the Director of Public Instruction is requested to treat the matter as "very urgent" and submit his reply within a fortnight.

M.V. SUBRAMANIAN,
Secretary to Government.

P.T.O.

copy of letter M.D.759/48 E.II, dated 5th April 1948, New Delhi, from the Government of India, Ministry of Education, to the Secretary to Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department.

I am directed to state that the Government of India are interested in the recruitment of properly qualified and able candidates to the Royal Indian Navy. This has become very important, in view of the fact that the Navy is in the process of development. A rating for entry into the Navy is required to have been educated atleast upto the class which is two years below the Matriculation and the normal age of entry is from 15 to 17. The Government of India are advised that there are large fishing and seafaring communities in India which can provide valuable recruits to the Navy. At the present time, however, the Royal Indian Navy obtains practically none of its recruits from these communities, as their standard of education is comparatively low. The Government of India, therefore, consider that early steps should be taken to provide suitable educational facilities for pupils of the communities in question by opening schools in selected areas where these communities predominate or by such other measures as the Provincial Government may consider suitable to gain the end in view. A scheme of scholarships may also be instituted to encourage the parents in these communities to put their boys in the schools. At the same time measures will have to be taken to bring to the notice of the boys as well as the parents, the opportunities available for service in the Royal Indian Navy. In this connection I am also to invite the attention of the Provincial Government to paragraph 2 of the Government of India, late Department of Education letter No.F.26-1/46 E.II, dated the 30th January, 1946 in which the provision of adequate educational facilities for the backward communities was stressed. The Provincial Governments may also kindly consider the question of setting up special committees by examination of the whole position.

The Government of India will be glad if the Provincial Governments will be good enough to furnish them with details of the educational facilities which are at present available to these communities. They may also kindly be informed, as soon as possible thereafter, of the steps which the Provincial Governments propose to take in this connection.

The Government of India will appreciate early action in the matter.

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Copy of letter No.94548/48-6C1, Education, dated 7.10.48, from the Secretary to Government, Education Department, to The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Education, New Delhi.

Sub: Educational facilities to the fishing and sea-faring communities.

Ref: Your Letter No.759/48-E.II, dated 5.4.48.

I am directed to say that fishermen ~~Committees~~ Communities in this Province are found not only on ~~as~~ the sea coast but also in land. It is presumed that in the letter referred to above, the Government of India, when they speak of the Navy requiring children of fishermen communities for recruitment, are referring only to sea faring fishermen and not to inland fishermen. In this province the sea faring fishermen go by various names, namely., Paravas in the South Coramondel Coast, Besthas in the North Coramandel Coast, Mogers in the North Malabar Coast and Mukkuvans in the South Coramandel Coast. These four fishermen communities alone will be useful for recruitment to the Navy. Of these four communities children belonging to the Mogers and Paravas are already in receipt of full fee concession and the children of the other two communities are in receipt of half fee concession. If full fee concessions are granted to the children of the Bestha and Mukkuva communities who are already eligible for half fee concession, almost all the sea faring fishermen communities on the coasts of this Province would have been admitted to the full advantage of education. In actual practice however it would be difficult to restrict the grant of the full fee concession to Besthas and ~~Mukkavas~~ Mukkuvans as once the concession is granted others of the same community but with different local name and inland ~~fishermen~~ communities will claim the concession. The extra cost in granting full fee concessions to the children of all fishermen communities is estimated at Rs.35,000/- a year. I am to enquire whether the Government of India will bear the additional expenditure involved in the grant of full concession i.e. one half of the total cost of full fee concession.

Your suggestion regarding the grant of facilities, such as scholarships, exemption from examination fees, grants for books and clothes etc. to the children of the fishermen communities and the constitution of advisory committee consisting of both officials and non-officials in relevant proportion who may be charged with the task of furthering the educational interests of these communities are under consideration of this Government.

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Secretary to Government.

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Copy of letter No.F.33-29/48-D.I, dated 15th March 1950, from the Secretary to the Government of India, ~~to the~~ Ministry of Education, New Delhi-3, to The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Education Department, Madras.

Sub: Educational facilities to the Fishing and Sea-faring communities:

I am directed to refer to your letter No.94548/48-6C.I, Education, dated the 7th October, 1949 and to state that owing to financial stringency the Government of India are not at present in a position, to render financial assistance to your Government so that full fee concessions may be extended to the children of Bastha and Mukkuva communities.

2. With regard to paragraph 2 of your letter under reference it is requested that this Ministry may kindly be apprised of the decision arrived at in the matter in due course.

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for Secretary.

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Copy of Extract of notes.

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The papers may now be recorded as ordered above.

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Secretary to Government.

Abstract.

G.O.Ms.No.2274, Education, dated 24th August 1951.

Educational facilities for fishing and seafaring communities - Grant of full fee concession for all fishermen communities - Papers recorded.

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